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BERNARD, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED ON METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Travis Lee Rider, 25, Bernard, Kansas, was sentenced on July 15, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Sam A. Crow to five years and three months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Rider entered a guilty plea on April 8, 2004, to one count of possessing with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more (1.76 ounces) or more of methamphetamine.

Melgren stated that Rider admitted at his plea that on September 10, 2003, he was stopped by a deputy with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office for speeding on K-18 highway. Rider further admitted that the deputy clocked his rate of speed at 99 m.p.h. in a 65 m.p.h. zone. Rider admitted that he resisted arrest and when he was subdued, the deputy found methamphetamine, marijuana, and psilocybin mushrooms in his pocket and an additional ½ pound of methamphetamine under the seat of his motorcycle. Rider further admitted that additional marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were found by law enforcement officers during a search of his residence. Rider admitted that he was transporting the ½ pound of methamphetamine from Dallas, Texas, to Salina, Kansas, for distribution and he had done so on three prior occasions.

Melgren commended the excellent work of Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough in this prosecution.